

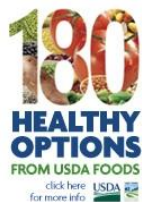


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THINK FOOD

School Nutrition Programs Shipment 3 September 2015



USDA FOOD Shipment 3 Update

The USDA Foods shipment schedule for SY 2015-2016 is located on the OPI School Nutrition website under Commodity Information. This website is located at:

http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/USDA.html. Please remember the schedule is subject to change based on USDA Foods availability.

Newsletter is Online, Too!

Please remember all issues of the Think Food Newsletter are on the OPI School Nutrition website at http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/USDA.html#gpm1_6.

Extra Items:

Strawberry cups	96/4.5oz	(906)	\$45.76
Tomato paste	6/#10	(568)	\$23.07
Ground beef	4/10#	(525)	\$122.02
Mixed fruit	6/#10	(451)	\$37.87
Cheese, mozz LMPS	30#	(403)	\$31.99
Flour, whole wheat	8/5 lb	(336)	\$9.20
Turkey deli breasts	4/10#	(307)	\$115.69
Eggs, frozen	6/5#	(299)	\$91.22
Applesauce	6/#10	(289)	\$19.93
Tomatoes, diced	6/#10	(151)	\$13.65
Applesauce cups	96/4.5oz	(143)	\$17.94
Pancakes, frozen	144/case	(74)	\$8.69
Spaghetti, WG	2/10#	(70)	\$7.83
Blueberries	30#	(61)	\$26.63
Tortillas, frozen	12/24/case	(47)	\$16.47
Beans, refried	6/#10	(27)	\$17.06
Vegetable oil	6/1 gal	(8)	\$33.27
Salsa	6/#10	(3)	\$18.34

The amounts listed in parenthesis are approximately the number of cases available. Please send an email to tbailly@mt.gov with food item and quantity requests by Tuesday, September 22, 2015.

USDA Food Update

CANCELLED: FROZEN CORN

This was the message that was received from the USDA Food Distribution office in D.C. regarding the frozen corn:

"The following order was not awarded due to the maximum being met by the vendor. Since this contract is done for the year this order will not be resolicited and will be cancelled. Sorry for the inconvenience. Thanks."

Extra items have been ordered to help with the cancelations we have been receiving. They will hopefully help you spend your entitlement. Here is what has been ordered solely for "extras:"

- Ground beef (this is already in the extras)
- Diced chicken (coming)
- Tomato sauce (coming)
- Vegetarian beans (coming)
- Canned peaches (coming)

These items will appear in the Think Food under "Extras" once they arrive.

DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

Please check your DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program entitlement allotment on the FFavors website. We hope schools will use all their money and receive some great fresh fruit and vegetables during the school year.

Access the FFavors website at this address:
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/fresh-fruits-and-vegetables-order-receipt-system-ffavors>

You NEED to order 10 days in advance from when you want your product delivered AND pick the delivery day for which you receive your Sysco deliveries.

After you receive each order, you will need to go back into FFavors and receipt it. You need to do this within five business days before they will allow you to place another order.

If you are new or having trouble accessing the FFavors website, please let Tessa Bailly know at 406-444-4412 or tbailly@mt.gov so she can help get an account set up for you.

Processing Reminder

As a reminder, if you are a school that has diverted commodities for processing, you will be receiving an invoice from those processors once the product arrives at the state warehouse. If you are a school that will be receiving processed items, you should have received a "processing" shipment schedule along with your regular commodity shipment schedule. This will tell you when the processed items will come to you. You will most likely get invoiced before they arrive to you. Please make your clerks or business personnel aware of this. If you have any questions, please email Tessa Bailly at tbailly@mt.gov.

ABC Fall Meetings and Procurement Training

The Fall ABC meetings will be held the first full week of October. These meetings are to give updates and receive feedback on the USDA Foods and the cooperative purchase programs. If you are interested in being a member all you have to do is show up to the meetings. ☺

After the ABC meetings, Tessa Bailly and Aubree Roth will be conducting a training on procurement (processes intended to promote fair and open competition when purchasing goods and services). Anyone is welcome to attend this free training.

		Date	ABC Meeting	Procurement Training
Miles City	Sleep Inn	Oct. 6	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	1-4 p.m.
Great Falls	Holiday Inn	Oct. 8	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	1-4 p.m.
Missoula	Marriott Courtyard	Oct. 9	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	1-4 p.m.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)-First Quarter Spending Deadline

Please spend your FFVP first quarter allocation by September 30, 2015. September is a great time to purchase smaller supplies for the year, such as napkins and plates. You can find your school's allocation in the Program Administration tab of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable page on the OPI School Nutrition website. Allocations are split into two spending periods: first quarter (July 1-September 30) and second-fourth quarters (October 1-June 30). Please remember, unspent first quarter allocations cannot be rolled over into the second to fourth quarter allocation period.

Celebrate Farm to School This October!



October is National Farm to School Month, a time to celebrate the connections that are

happening between schools and local food producers. There are many great ways to celebrate Farm to School Month, whether you are a student, teacher, parent, food service director, farmer, or community member. It is a perfect time to go on a farm field trip, serve a Montana meal, or host a school garden open house.

For more information and to download a Farm to School Month guide, visit opi.mt.gov/Farm2School or contact Aubree Roth at aubree.roth@montana.edu or 406-994-5996.

Let's Hear Your Crunch, Montana!



Join preschools, schools, colleges, and individuals across Montana in celebrating Food Day and National Farm to School Month by crunching into locally and regionally grown apples on October 26 at 2 p.m. MST.

For more information about Montana Crunch Time, to register, and receive your guide, visit opi.mt.gov/Farm2School or contact Aubree Roth at aubree.roth@montana.edu or 406-994-5996.